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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 17, 2006 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 3), the shortened statutory period for which runs until April 17, 2006. Please revise the subject application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.